

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on January 20, 2022.

Clerk Livermore called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Clerk Livermore, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye.

ABSENT: Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Christensen

GUEST PRESENT: Trout Lake Township Supervisor David Hillman and Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore.

Clerk Livermore opened the meeting and asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to nominate Commissioner Timmer as Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Chairman.

Third call for nominations for Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Timmer as Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Livermore asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to nominate Commissioner Gagnon as Vice-Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Third call for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Gagnon as Vice-Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$196,459.59 and Vouchers in the amount of \$562,562.10 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 6, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Public Hearing Minutes from December 28, 2021 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jim Moore, Kinross Township Supervisor, inquired about a tentative date to fix a patch of Ploegstra Road. Manager Laitinen indicated there is not set date but anticipates early Spring.
- Township Supervisor Moore requested a lighted stop sign and replacement of the road name sign at the end of Short Cut Road. Discussion ensued.
- David Hillman, Trout Lake Township Supervisor, inquired about the process to reclassify Molly Gibson road from seasonal to county. The seasonal portion of the road has full-time residents living on it. The current road is not in a condition acceptable for plowing. Discussion ensued regarding the policy and procedure including township support.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Year-end reports and audit prep.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy with storms bringing drifting snow and lake effect bands.
- Emission issues with the new trucks in the fleet are becoming a nightmare. Repair problems are making them unreliable. Discussion ensued.

Foreman Goodman

- Busy.

Foreman Rye

- Plugging away and getting caught up.

Engineer Boileau

- All Federal Aid is officially obligated for this season.
- Wrapping up Ship Wreck project.
- Worked on bid packages for local projects.
- February has several conferences that may conflict with upcoming board meetings.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing New.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Beginning January 15th, BCBS will reimburse members for up to eight (8) at-home rapid diagnostic tests for COVID-19. Information regarding this program is available in the office.
- Year-end reporting is complete and W2s have been distributed.
- Working on gathering information for the auditors and cleaning up the vault.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Attended an information session with Senator Stabenow's Office on the infrastructure bill. The session brought awareness to a competitive grant programs for Bridges through the US DOT and new highway programs that are coming mostly through RTF.
- Received a guidance document from Doug Mills, Baraga County Engineer Manager. It was a summary of the final rule published by Treasury on how the ARPA funds can be distributed. Entities receiving funds can allocate as a replacement funds providing for normal government services. This may provide a possible opportunity for funding the work at the Paradise site and other road work.
- Received an update from BIA for funding the Six Mile Road Bridge project. Additional information will be sent.
- A water meter issue developed at the Brimley Garage. Upon investigation, it was discovered the basement had a couple feet of standing water, causing concerns relating to contamination and safety. The water is being pumped out into a septic hauler and taken to the treatment plant in Sault Ste. Marie.
- New residents to Paradise contacted us regarding information provided to them by the group involved with "Pure Paradise." The information they were provided regarding our site caused them some concern. We provided them with our information on the site as well as contacts at EGLE for a better understanding of the issues related to this property.
- The term for serving on the Wetland Board is up and an application for reappointment to the board has been submitted.
- UP Road Builders is February 3-4.
- Received a request from the committee responsible for planning the Blueberry Festival in Paradise to utilize the site of the old salt barn for vendor parking. Granted access for parking

contingent on it not interfering with the timing of excavation of the site.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Ballot - CRA Board of Directors: Dirk Heckman of Mackinac County is running unopposed for the three year UP seat.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to vote for Dirk Heckman.

MOTION CARRIED

- B.) MSP Agreement for Frost Patrol - Manager Laitinen provided information regarding this agreement and some history to the board. The manager is within his purchasing authority to sign the agreement. No further action required by the board.
- C.) Resolution #2022-01 - Small Urban Program Funding - Sault Ste. Marie

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Resolution #2022-01.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- D.) Resolution #2022-02 - Small Urban Program Funding - Kinross Charter

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Resolution #2022-02.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, thank you to everyone and stay safe. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman